

Important Dates

Steam Expo - RC & LC Events

Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th May 2pm – 5pm

Mad About Science Incursion RC & NB

Monday & Tuesday 3rd & 4th June

School Photo Day

Friday 7th June

Kings Birthday

Monday 10th June
Public Holiday

Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 14th June
9:30am

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RESERVOIR VIC
3073

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LALOR VIC 3075

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers,

We are already halfway through Term 2, and as the mornings get cooler, we want to ensure that your child is comfortable transitioning to their winter uniform. If you need support with this, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher.

This week, we've noticed an increase in cold and flu illnesses across the school, so please continue to monitor your child's health and keep them home if they're unwell.

STEM Expo

Our staff is diligently preparing for the upcoming STEM Expo, which will take place during Education Week on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of May. We invite you to come and support the event and witness the amazing work our students have been doing in this space.

Inclusion Statement & Commitment

At Northern School for Autism, we are committed to cultivating a safe and inclusive environment for all our students, staff, and wider community including those who identify as LGBTIQ+.

We provide a safe space for our students to connect and access resources at Pride Group. Additionally, we are prepared to make the necessary adjustments to ensure that gender-diverse students feel comfortable accessing their school environment.

We celebrate diversity and have zero tolerance for discrimination of any kind, including based on sexuality and gender diversity.

We support all members of the community for who they are and however, they identify and work to promote an environment free from discrimination through our policies and positive, inclusive school culture.

Northern School for Autism understands that the benefits of visible LGBTIQ+ inclusion extend beyond our students and staff. A school that celebrates diversity benefits everyone.

Student Attendance

Prompt attendance is crucial, especially as many classrooms have organised morning excursions. We've noticed an increasing number of students arriving late to school and missing these excursions. If a student arrives late and their class has already left for an excursion, they will join another classroom.

Sibling Enrolment

If you have a child at home whom you would like to enrol at NSA for 2025, please reach out to Rose at roselyn.datiles@education.vic.gov.au to discuss enrolment options.

Staff Shortage

Northern School for Autism is still experiencing a shortage of teachers and education support staff. We are actively working with six recruiting agencies daily to fill absences.

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed ...



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...

Lost minutes mean lost learning!

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning time each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

School starts at
9.00 AM
DON'T BE LATE!



Good time keeping means making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn BEFORE the school bell rings!

EYC

This term has kicked off with a flurry of off – site excursions: Bounce, Indoor Sports, Inflatable World, Swimming, Gymnastics, and Mill Park all abilities playground. These excursions incorporate elements of teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, fostering essential life skills.

For instance, team sports require collaboration and coordination, while navigating inflatable obstacle courses can challenge students to think creatively and adapt to new situations.

Students also had opportunities to socialize and build relationships outside of the classroom. Interacting with peers in a different setting can strengthen bonds and create a sense of community within the school.

Off-site excursions provide students a rich and multifaceted learning environment where students can develop academically, socially, and emotionally. By actively engaging with new experiences and challenges, students have the opportunity to learn and grow in ways that extend far beyond the confines of the classroom.

Elisa Wang | EYC Leading Teacher

ROOM 22

Room 22 returned from the Easter break brimming with enthusiasm, ready to dive into the adventures of Term 2 with a renewed spirit.

Cooking sessions became a delightful avenue for learning, as they delved into the world of counting and shapes through the creation of culinary delights. From measuring ingredients to counting out portions, each step in the kitchen served as a hands-on lesson in mathematics and geometry, igniting their curiosity and appetite for knowledge.

Sensory play also took center stage as they engaged in a myriad of activities designed to stimulate their senses. From squishy textures to vibrant colors, they explored the world around them with wonder and fascination, laying the foundation for cognitive and emotional development.

Room 22 has also been enjoying the STEAM building and its resources to harness their technical and innovating thinking. Through building challenges and experimentation, they honed their critical thinking skills and embraced the joy of discovery, setting the stage for future exploration in these fields.

As autumn has unfolded its colorful tapestry, Room 22 is eagerly embraced the opportunity to cultivate their green thumbs through gardening. With spades in hand, they will embark on a journey of planting and nurturing, connecting with nature and gaining an appreciation for the cycles of growth and change.

The playground has become a vibrant hub for play-based learning, where students flourish amidst laughter and exploration. Through collaborative play, they've cultivated bonds that extend beyond academic endeavours, nurturing a supportive and inclusive community.

Room 22 has embarked on Term 2 with zeal and determination, eager to seize every opportunity for growth and discovery!

LC8 News

As we settle into Term 2, it has been a pleasure and a delight to reflect on all the progress and learning experiences the students in LC8 have taken part in. From weekly STEAM lessons to Cooking and Art classes, the LC8 students have shown just how talented they are! We are so proud of the creativity, determination and enjoyment they have shown participating in all these different classes and activities.

These are some of the highlights that some of the students from LC8 have enjoyed so far this year and would like to share:

I've enjoyed hanging out with friends, buying lunch at the school café, STEAM with Caroline, Lego, playing drums in Music and my new LC8 teacher.

Building with Lego because I can create anything I want and it is fun!

What I have enjoyed so far this year: bike riding, karate and bowling excursions and cooking.

I enjoyed cooking, making bracelets and Art classes where I made a hamster out of dried clay.

Music and coding. Music: it feels nice to create music and coding has been fun. I've gotten better at coding, and the drums and keyboard.

I have enjoyed: VR incursion, cooking, bike riding, bowling, STEAM classes, walking to the shops and buying food from the school's café.

I liked going to STEAM because I learnt how to use Maker's Empire and use the 3D printer.

I have enjoyed Music and going out for walks and buying fish n chips for lunch.

So far this year, I have enjoyed walking and chatting to my friends and the excursions.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EARLY YEARS



So far this year students in early years have been participating in a variety of OT focused group work sessions ranging from gross motor to play and self-care skills.

SELF-CARE SKILLS

PLAYGROUND



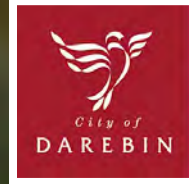
GROSS MOTOR

PRE-WRITING SKILLS

COOKING

PLAY SKILLS





**Keon Park
Children's
Hub**



FREE NATURE ACTIVITIES

FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS & FAMILIES

Join us for Free Nature Play themed activities around the Keon Park Childrens Hub and Dole Reserve Wetlands.

Supervision:
Children must be actively supervised by a parent or carer at all times.

FREE but registration essential

For more info and to register follow the QR code, call 8470 8022, or email kpch@darebin.vic.gov.au

Session times

Native Plant Workshop with Zena Cumpston

Friday 24 May
4:30pm Childrens Class
6:30pm Adults and 13+ years

Nature Themed Pottery

Friday 7th June
4:30pm Childrens Hand Sculpted Pottery
6:30pm Queer Social Hand Sculpted Pottery for Rainbow Families

Eco Explorers at the Wetlands

Friday 14th June
2pm Pop Up Bush Playgroup (3-4 years)
4pm Wetlands Discovery Walk (4+ years)

KEON PARK CHILDREN'S HUB

1-7 Dole Avenue, Reservoir
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If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service.



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BLOKES DINNER LOWER PLENTY

**Connecting males who care
for autistic individuals**

WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM - 8PM

**March 20th | April 17th | May 15th
June 19th | July 17th | August 21st**

Join us for a relaxed catch up with fellow men who care for autistic kids, families or partners. Enjoy a meal and drink in a smaller group setting. \$22 - Includes meal and dessert.



**Lower Plenty Hotel
4 Main Rd, Lower Plenty VIC 3093**

BOOKING: my.differentjourneysautism.com

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This is supported by funding from Department Families, Fairness and Housing



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MAROONDAH TEENS

Autism Peer Support Social Event

COST

\$15pp - food & drinks at own cost

TIME

5 PM - 7:30 PM

WHEN

Third Sunday of the Month

WHERE: Club Kilsyth - Cnr Canterbury Rd & Colchester Rd, Bayswater North

CONTACT

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BOOKING

Via Our Website
www.differentjourneysautism.com

Different Journeys provides peer support and social connections in a safe and supported environment for Autistic teens and their families. Our teen events cater to ages 13 - 18.

Our events are created for, by and with the Autistic community.

Parents/carers must be in attendance to support and supervise your teen at all times. We don't provide 1:1 support.



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